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In early February 1954, the East German Ministry of Machine Construction issued forms in which the enterprises under the control of this ministry had to list all production orders received by them (Lieferplaene). Part of the materials required for the execution of these orders were to be allocated by the Ministry. In February, enterprises of the machine industry were preparing tabulations listing all materials required for the fulfillment of production targets (so-called Kooperationsplaene). A special nomenclature is in use for these tabulations which pay special attention to materials and commodities in short supply, such as ball bearings, forgings and castings, engines, nonferrous metals, and rolled products.

2. In early February 1954, efforts were initiated to assign production orders with a view to save transportation costs. Thus, for instance, an attempt was made to place orders for gray castings with foundries located in one town or at least in the same Kreis. However, the realization of these efforts met with great difficulties.

25X1 Comment. In view of the fact that the East German Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau sent out the forms for the so-called "Lieferplaene" and "Kooperationsplaene" only in February 1954, allocations of materials will hardly be made to these enterprises prior to March. This procedure is bound to have a detrimental effect on the realization of production plans.